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SUMMARY: SUCCESSFUL VISIT OF SAUDI ARABIAN FOREIGN  
MINISTER, JANUARY 21-23, INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS OF BOTH

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES. PRINCE SAUD

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IBN FEISAL AND HIS HOSTS DISCUSSED FRG IN-

VESTMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA, ESPECIALLY

IN THE SAUDI OIL INDUSTRY, AND WEST GERMAN ASSISTANCE IN VOCATIONAL ED  
UCATION. IN ADDITION

TO COMMENTING ON LEBANON, THE PALESTINIANS AND ISRAEL, FEISAL EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE THREAT OF COMMUNIST SUCCESSES IN ITALY AND PORTUGAL. FEISAL WAS PLEASED BY GENSCHER'S STAND ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS (REF B). FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE SAID THAT NO BILATERAL PROBLEMS EXIST BETWEEN THE FRG AND SAUDI ARABIA AND THAT FEISAL AND GENSCHER DID NOT DISCUSS THE SAUDI INTEREST IN BUYING WEST GERMAN "MARDER" ARMoured PERSONNEL CARRIERS. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA, PROBABLY IN MAY. END SUMMARY

1. THE SAUDI ARABIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, PRINCE SAUD IBN FEISAL, VISITED THE FRG FROM JANUARY 21-23. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR ARABIAN PENINSULA AFFAIRS, THERE ARE NO BILATERAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND THE FRG, AND SAUD IBN FEISAL'S VISIT, WHICH WAS MADE IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION BY GENSCHER LAST SPRING, WAS A SUCCESS FROM BOTH WEST GERMAN AND SAUDI POINTS OF VIEW. FEISAL WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT SCHEEL, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, WHO ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA IN LATE MAY, AND THE MINISTER-PRESIDENT OF NORTH RHEIN WESTPHALIA. HE ALSO MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION COMMITTEES OF THE BUNDESTAG. PRESS REPORTS WERE POSITIVE.

2. AT A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE GENSCHER ANNOUNCED THAT BOTH SAUDI ARABIA AND THE FRG WERE INTERESTED IN EXPANDING ECONOMIC RELATIONS, INCLUDING THE PROMOTION OF WEST GERMAN INVESTMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA AND COOPERATION IN THE OIL INDUSTRY. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE FRG, WHICH IN 1975 RECEIVED 21 PERCENT OF ITS OIL FROM SAUDI ARABIA THROUGH INTER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL FIRMS, WANTS THE WEST GERMAN FIRM DEMINEX TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE OIL INDUSTRY. INCREASING WEST GERMAN ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WAS ALSO DISCUSSED. THE

NUMBER OF WEST GERMAN VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS IN SAUDI ARABIA WILL BE INCREASED TO 150, BUT NO AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED.

3. AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS ALSO DISCUSSED MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS. REGARDING LEBANON, PRINCE SAUD IBN FEISAL SAID THAT ISRAELI THREATS TO

INTERVENE CONSTITUTED THE MAJOR CONCERN OF THE MOMENT  
BECAUSE THE ISRAELIS WERE SEEKING A PRETEXT TO OCCUPY  
MORE ARAB TERRITORY. ASKED IF SAUDI ARABIA WAS READY TO  
ACCEPT THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO EXIST, SAUD IBN FEISAL  
RESPONDED THAT THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO EXIST WAS NOT A  
"SUBSTANTIAL QUESTION" IN THE NEAR EAST CONFLICT, FOR  
THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL IS NOT IN QUESTION. THE

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